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ITALY AND GERMANY MAD DOGS OF WORLD

Britain-France-U. S.
Would Sic Them
On Soviets

Japan Relied On to
Launch Attack
On Siberia

GENEVA, Feb. 3.—The League of Nations' special committee to investigate the possibilities of oil sanctions against Italy is openly regarded here as nothing more than a time-killing device to hold the matter in abeyance pending completion of certain understandings now in the making.

Prominent among considerations of the capitalist powers is to devise some plan whereby the weight of the Soviet Union's giant army can be utilized to check the belligerent nations.

THE MAD DOGS

The belligerent nations, for the moment, are Italy, Japan and Germany. All of these nations are armed to the teeth and shaken within their borders by severe economic crises and rising unrest. Their only considered course of meeting these situations is by striking out madly in wars of conquest. Italy and Japan are already embarked on such ventures.

The greatest desire of the capitalist powers today is to turn the belligerence of both Germany and Japan against the Soviet Union. Thus these two powers would be effectively removed from the scene of imperialist competition and, at the same time, would be wreaking damage against the Soviets.

NEW PACT SOUGHT

Previously, the armed strength of Italy has been balanced as a threat to restrain Germany from expanding in Austria. Present sharp antagonism between Britain, France and Italy disrupts this alignment.

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Western Worker Scribe Attacked By Vigilantes

REPORTER HAULED INTO
CAR AND BRUTALLY
BEATEN

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 1.—Don Russell, WESTERN WORKER reporter, was picked up by three thugs Monday night, taken for a ride, beaten up and tossed half-unconscious into the street fronting the apartment house in which he lives.

A doctor's examination including several x-rays, showed two cracked ribs and a torn shoulder ligament.

Although unable positively to identify the assailants, Russell believes they were part of the hoodlum outfit now operating for the Yellow Taxi Cab Company. Several nights previous to the attack, several of these men had visited the Western Worker office at 121 Haight street, attempted to slug the guard and gaining entrance, conducted a short search of the building.

An article appearing in the "Party Life" column of the Western Worker describing the rank and file work within the Taxi Cab Union, it appears, had drawn the fire of the reactionaries and company agents within the union.

FOUR MAD DOGS



Maniacs in soldier suits. The old man with the feather in his hat is Field Marshal von Mackensen. Hitler is in the center. At his left is General von Blomberg. In the rear, General von Fritsch.

Martinez Labor Forum Meets Despite Efforts of Fascists

MARTINEZ, Calif.—The first of a series of huge mass meetings under the auspices of the Martinez Labor Forum was held Saturday night at the Labor Temple, after their permit to meet at the local High School was cancelled by the school board on the advice of local fascists.

Over 500 people attended, in spite of a heavy rain.

LARGE PROGRAM

Among the speakers are Dr. Ray Studt of Oakland, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, who gave an analysis of the Constitution as an instrument for the protection of the propertyed classes. He pointed out that the "Bill of Rights" was the only part of it which belongs to the people.

A young worker from the American Youth Congress outlined its program and pointed out how German fascists used the youth to smash trade unions.

Bert Leach, West Coast organizer of the American League Against War and Fascism reported on the Cleveland Congress and their united program of peace.

GALLAGHER SPEAKS

Main speaker of the evening was Leo Gallagher, I.L.D. attorney, who outlined the development of Fascism in the United States.

He described the reign of terror in Imperial Valley, and gave an account of how the Government of the United States was overthrown by Fascist force and violence in the Kentucky town where Mme. Secretary of Labor Perkins was forbidden to speak in a public hall, was forced to speak from the steps of the local post office.

These educational meetings are scheduled for once every month.

UNIONS URGE FREEDOM FOR C.S. VICTIMS

RESOLUTION IS PASSED BY
HUGE VOTE IN S. F.
LABOR COUNCIL

Prisoner to Speak

MASS MEETING SCHEDULED
FOR FEBRUARY 5 IN
SAN FRANCISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 3.—The San Francisco Labor Council has passed a resolution calling upon the State Parole Board to set minimum sentences for the eight Criminal Syndicalism prisoners. This action was taken by an almost unanimous vote at the meeting last Friday.

The California Conference for repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act is calling upon all individuals and organizations to write immediately to the parole board urging the minimum sentence which would release the prisoners by February 27th.

PAROLE BOARD

Names of the three board members who must be addressed are: Fred C. Sykes, Kohl Building, San Francisco; Joseph H. Stephens, president of the Merchants' National Bank of Sacramento; and David F. Bush, Oakdale, Calif.

A huge mass meeting will be held Wednesday, Feb. 5th, in the Building Trades Temple, 14th and Guerrero streets, to further the fight for freedom of the prisoners and repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act.

Assemblyman Paul A. Richie, Epic-Democratic leader, Professor Max Radin of the University of California, and many other prominent liberal and labor leaders will speak at the meeting.

Lorene Norman, one of the eight prisoners, but who is now out on bail owing to the birth of a child, will be the featured speaker of the evening.

An exhibition of pictures and objects concerning the C. S. trial and the agricultural fields will be on display in the building.

A state-wide conference is called for April 5th in Sacramento, with delegates from all liberal, working class or political groups and from trade unions.

REDUCTION OF RELIEF WORKERS AND A WAGECUT

350 ADMINISTRATORS
FIRED; 9700 OFF
LACRA, ON WPA

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 1.—Wage-slashing definitely entered the "curtailment of expenditures" program of the State Relief Administration here today, when Charles I. Schottland, state director, announced that relief workers will take over numerous administrative jobs.

Salaries under the new procedure will not exceed the average budget plus 15 per cent, said Schottland. Workers must be certified as eligible for relief to be eligible for the new jobs, and types of workers to be included are janitors, messengers, elevator operators, and watchmen.

Thus wages are being slashed for the same work formerly performed by 5000 administrative (Continued on Page 2, Col. 8)

C.S. PRISONER



Albert Hougardy, one of the eight working class leaders railroaded to the penitentiary in the infamous C. S. trial.

BURNING ALIVE OF 20 NEGROES

Convicts Trapped in
Living Hell By
Carelessness

SCOTTSBORO, Ala., Feb. 3.—Twenty Negro convicts were burned alive in a truck here last Friday. The tragedy is characterized by guards and authorities as an "accident."

The men were being transported in a closed steel prison tank when a barrel of gasoline became ignited. Two of the twenty-two within the truck escaped with their lives.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 3.—The twenty Negro convicts burned alive by "accident" in the notorious town of Scottsboro recalls the incident in San Quentin last year when the young Negro Rush Griffin was "accidentally" hanged.

Sufficient to point out that no man can be hanged "accidentally." As for the horrible living cremation of the twenty Scottsboro Negroes, doubtless the gasoline barrel became ignited by accident. The fact that they were locked in with such dangerous freight is definitely NOT an accident.

Complete Agenda Announced For 9th National Convention By Central Committee, C. P.

The Central Committee of the Communist Party announced yesterday the complete agenda of the Ninth National Convention of the Party.

The Convention will meet in New York City, March 8 to 12. The agenda, as announced by William Z. Foster, chairman of the Central Committee, and Earl Browder, general secretary, follows:

1. The Fight Against Reaction and Fascism, United Front, and the Farmer-Labor Party. Reporter: Earl Browder.
2. Building the Communist Party. Reporter: F. Brown.
3. Organizing the Toiling Youth. Reporter: Gil Green.
4. The Victory of Socialism in the Soviet Union. Reporter: Robert Minor.
5. Elections.

Under the first point on the agenda there will be a special speech by Comrade Foster, elaborating some points on the main report.

There will be sub-reports on Trade Union Work by Stachel; Agrarian, Hathaway; Negro, Ford; Women, Cowl; Anti-War Campaign, Bittleman; Unemployment, Benjamin.

Special Commissions will be established on each of these questions to work over the resolutions presented to the Convention.

On the second point, special sub-reports will be given on the Daily Worker editorial policy by Hathaway, Daily Worker circulation and recruiting by Mills, literature publication and distribution by Trachtenberg.

S.F. EXAMINER HIDES TRUTH ABOUT BRIBE

WOMAN FILING AFFIDAVIT
WAS COMMUNIST
DEFENDANT

Corrupt Bargain

CASE WAS DISMISSED IN
RETURN FOR GRAFT
INFORMATION

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 3.—Blatant dishonesty and graft of the San Francisco Police Department, the San Francisco Examiner (Hearst owned), and the district attorney's office were revealed here today with exposure of the fact that a corrupt and illegal deal was entered into by all three in order to obtain the affidavit on which the present disgusting and insincere "police bribe investigation" is based.

Florence Meyers, the person making the affidavit, was arrested over a month ago on the same frame-up charges, under which Louise Todd was railroaded to the penitentiary and Anita Whitney was convicted and fined \$600. Mrs. Meyers was a Communist Party sympathizer who aided in collecting signatures to put the Party on the ballot. She was among those indicted for alleged violation of a minor technicality of the election laws.

INSIDE DOPE

Formerly the proprietress of a small cafe at 2245 Turk street, Mrs. Meyers was known to possess information that certain police officers had accepted bribery and had been accomplices to crime.

Arrested for the same political activity as Todd and Whitney, the district attorney's office made a deal with her, agreeing to have her case dismissed if she would file an affidavit against Sergeant John Crofton, Patrolman Alfred Walsh, William Brudigan and Claude Avedano.

WHAT REASON?

Since it has been known for more than three years that Mrs. Meyers possessed this information, and since at one time in the past she tried to force an exposure, it is apparent that the reason for utilizing such an affidavit at this (Continued on Page 2, Col. 6)

Sailors Vote Return to Work Under Current Pact

Decision of Seamen to Return to Ships
Under Present Set-Up Puts Shipowners
Squarely on the Spot

BULLETIN

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 3.—To devote their full effort in the fight to maintain their charter and their union, the membership at the headquarters branch of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific last night adopted a resolution which calls for the steamschooner seamen to return to work under the current agreement.

Not a single dissenting vote was cast by the 1200 members present.

Aaron Sapiro, who has been officially designated by the union to carry out the legal phase of the fight, won the membership's confidence with his inspiring plea for full rank and file support to fight until the charter and the Sailors' rightful property is returned to them.

The decision of the membership to express their willingness to return to the ships under the current agreement leaves the issue squarely in the lap of the shipowners.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 3.—With San Francisco Central Labor Council joining Alameda and Seattle central labor bodies in support of the maritime unions against the planned attack of the employers and the revocation of the Sailors' Union charter by the International Seamen's Convention, interest was centered on the legal phase of the fight as the Sailors, through Defense Attorney Aaron Sapiro, sought to have the temporary injunction against the use of their funds dismissed in Federal Judge Roach's court.

"These charges, your Honor, sound more like the mouthings of the shipowners," Sapiro declared. "According to the I.S.U. Constitution and to the plaintiffs themselves the Sailors own the funds and property of the union."

RESTRAINT ILLEGAL

The defense also challenged the right of a Federal Court judge in issuing a restraining order without first conducting a public hearing. Under a decision in a similar case and which was affirmed by the United States Supreme Court, to court of the United States has the power to issue an injunction without first holding a public hearing.

In answer to Attorney Hutton who is acting in the interests of Olander, Pryor, Grange, Brown and Carlson, co-signers of the complaint, who brought in the German anti-trust laws in an effort to prosecute the Sailors, Sapiro argued very clearly and convincingly that this is the shipowners' viewpoint.

"It is the unions' duty to try to improve their conditions—that (Hutton's argument) is the shipowners' viewpoint," Sapiro stated. He also brought to light the fact that the complaint had been made out six days before Hutton was engaged. This was proven by the manner in which the language throughout had been changed. Hutton in his answer didn't even try to answer this.

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Workers Must Re-Register If They Want to Vote This Year

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 31.—Democrats still led in re-registration of voters here today, with 210,918 registered to 125,872 Republicans, according to Registrar of Voters Kerr.

In Los Angeles County, Democrats registered 154,697 to 115,828 listed Republicans.

Long Beach, Home of Republican Governor Merriam, has registered 33,475 Democrats and 22,941 Republicans thus far. The Republican Party is leading only in Pasadena, "home of the millionaires," with 23,066 registered G. O. P., and 15,713 Democratic registrations.

BULLETIN

Communist Party is qualified as a political party in California, our record shows you (Mini Carson) to be secretary of Communist State Central Committee.

Chas. J. Hagerty,
Deputy Secretary of State.

Meanwhile, workers and voters are reminded that for any election this year, deadline for registration will be set at forty days before for the presidential primary, registration closes March 26.

EVERY VOTER IN THE STATE MUST RE-REGISTER BY MARCH 26, 1936 IN ORDER TO VOTE IN THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES ON MAY 5. REGISTER COMMUNIST!

This means everyone. All old registrations have been cancelled and no one can vote in any election in California this year who has not registered since January 1, 1936. No matter who you are or how long you have been registered, your name must go on the books again if you wish to vote. Registration now will be good for any election this year.

ATTENTION All Party Members In California!

All Communist Party sections in District 13 must immediately make preparations for mass distribution of the special anti-vigilante "Baby" Western Worker which will be published on Friday to answer the attacks on the labor unions and the Communist Party made by the scurrilous fascist sheet, the spurious American Citizen.

(See Editorial, Page 6.)

UNITED MINE WORKERS FACE MANY IMPORTANT DECISIONS AT 34TH NAT'L CONVENTION

Local Autonomy, Industrial Unionism and Labor Party to Be Highlights

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 30.—While William Green with the aid of the reactionary officials of the International Seamen's Union under the approving eye of the Industrial Association seeks to destroy the democratically controlled and industrially organized Pacific Coast Maritime Federation, delegates to the 34th Convention of the United Mine Workers of America opened a determined fight to gain the right of local district autonomy.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 3.—The officers and delegates of the 34th Biennial Convention of the United Mine Workers took a definite stand against the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor in the fight Convention instructed John L. Lewis to spread the cause of unionizing the mass production workers in a series of a nation-wide radio speeches.

The convention also instructed the Executive Council to prepare to campaign for a "social justice" amendment to the U. S. Constitution.

Upon hearing the report of the committee on officers, that "We believe there is no definite assurance that the districts can govern themselves," scores of the delegates with definite instructions from their locals took the floor to demand the immediate restoration of the right to elect their own district officials.

DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS

"We are qualified to elect city, county, state and national officials of our government, we are also qualified to elect our national union officers but when it comes to selecting our own district representatives we are said to be not qualified," declared Will Houser of Local 1116, Paris, Arkansas, as rounds of applause greeted his speech. "The return of local democracy would be the greatest deed done in the history of the International."

"We stand for the election of our Federal judges by the people yet we are not allowed to elect our own district officials," stated W. J. Harris of West Virginia.

FAVOR FRAZIER BILL

Strong sentiment was expressed in favor of the Frazier-Landrum bill for adequate compensation for the aged and unemployed.

Speaking on behalf of the largest local union in the United States, John E. Sloan of Local 5509, demanded the endorsement of the Bill as the only specific legislation which would give real social security. He said: "Out in our community we have seen no real benefits from the Roosevelt Social Security program. It is admitted to be totally inadequate to the needs of the aged and unemployed. It does not put the burden on those able to pay through graduated income tax."

LABOR PARTY ISSUE

Prominent place in the Convention spotlight will be the labor party issue. One of the most striking expressions for such a party came from Bicknell, Indiana. Its neighboring city Terre Haute, was cited as a glaring example of the need for drastic political change. Here, it is charged, a Republican Mayor and Democratic governor were responsible for the notorious martial law imposed upon the city.

From Local 2519, Blaine, Ohio, came a resolution averring that "No section of the labor movement knows better the need for such a party than the coal miners who were shot, jailed, clubbed, ridden over by horses and had vicious injunctions served on them by both Republican and Democratic parties."

Other resolutions stressed the "growing danger of fascism" and pointed to the fact that "several states have gone on record as favoring a labor party."

INDUSTRIAL UNIONISM

Industrial unionism was specifically approved in numerous resolutions which okayed the participation of John L. Lewis in the Committee for Industrial Organization.

Political and class war prisoners are not forgotten. A renewed fight for the freedom of Tom Mooney, J. W. McNamara, the Scottsboro boys and Angelo Herndon is pushed forward in the proposals of not a few locals. The Townsend Plan also has the support of some resolutions. The inclusion of occupational diseases in workmen's compensation laws is warmly championed.

U. S. INQUIRY IS FORCED IN LOSS OF IOWA'S CREW

BAR PILOTS TESTIFY TO HEIGHT OF STORM

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 31.—Forced to take action as a result of the demands raised by Pacific Coast labor unions, the Government opened an investigation into the founding of the States Line freighter, Iowa, off Columbia River Bar, in which the entire crew of 34 were lost, on January 12th.

The inquiry is being conducted by J. B. Weaver, Director of Bureau of Navigation at Washington, D. C., and already he has heard from witnesses, testimony corroborating the claims of Pacific Coast maritime workers, that the loss of the crew was a needless sacrifice to the altar of profits.

Captain William Hall, veteran bar pilot, who piloted the Japanese motorship, Koyei Maru over Columbia River Bar at 7:30 on the night of the wreck, testified that he would not have taken the Iowa out on an hour later, such was the increasing velocity of the wind. Other bar pilots also agreed that they would not have taken any ship across the bar that night.

An investigation is also being conducted by the insurance underwriters and their findings to date are being kept secret pending a complete inquiry.

The Iowa was known along the Pacific Coast as a deathtrap "held together by rust and her deckloadings." All maritime union halls have been draped for thirty days in memory of the 34 men who perished to further the shipowner's profits.

Communist Party members, write in about unit activity.

Circulate the Western Worker in your union and fraternal organizations.

Green-Plant - Olander Council Machine Is Stuck

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tion on the two telegrams, and the sailors' delegates remained unchallenged throughout the session, taking the floor in defense of their position.

ASK INVESTIGATION

The action in support of a congressional investigation of the shipowners' conspiracy against the maritime unions was taken when the delegates voted by an overwhelming majority for a resolution introduced by Harry Bridges, progressive leader of I.L.S. 3879.

A MOVE TO KILL THE RESOLUTION

A move to kill the resolution by Vandeleur, president of the council, who attempted to refer the resolution to the Executive Board, was promptly spiked by Bridges.

VANDELEUR WEASELS

Vandeleur in his move to throttle the resolution claimed that his objection was based on the section denouncing the vigilante tabloid sheet, The American Citizen, as an organ of the shipowners and demanding an investigation of the paper. When pinned down by Bridges Vandeleur stated, "the resolution endorses a whereas the chair knows nothing about . . . the part I object to is the part referring to some paper."

Bridges pointed out everyone in San Francisco but Vandeleur had seen the paper, 100,000 copies of which flooded the city last Wednesday, and that the paper was a definite part of the shipowners' general plan of attack. He offered, however, to withdraw the section dealing with the paper.

The Council thereupon adopted the resolution unanimously except for the small bloc dominated by the Vandeleur-Casey machine.

BRIDGES SPEAKS

Danger of One-Man Street Car Operation Shown

RAILWAY UNION OPPOSES STREET CAR COMPANIES IN OPEN HEARING

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 31.—Dangers of one-man operation of street cars was vividly presented in full detail here today, when 300 feet of motion picture film was shown by W. B. Nutter, employee of the Pacific Electric Company, and representing the Brotherhood of R. R. Trainmen, before the open hearing by the Municipal Board of Public Utilities and Transportation.

The B. R. T. is strenuously opposing the one-man cars, while attorneys for the street car companies announced that they would submit evidence proving that one-man cars are "the coming thing all over the country."

The film showed the operator of a one-man car with his hands removed completely from the controls while attempting to accommodate passengers, the car under full power; a car under-way with the door still open; operators looking down at coin boxes, over their shoulders, making change and punching transfers—all while their one-man cars were moving through the congested traffic of downtown Los Angeles.

Workers here are remembering the slogan adopted in San Francisco: "One-Man Cars Mean One Man Starves." Neighborhood organizations on the Southside and in the Glassei Park area have banded together in united front groups to demand better transportation and the abolition of one-man cars.

PEACE DEMANDS VOICED BY THE YOUTH CONGRESS

DRIVE TO STOP REGIMENTATION FOR WAR

In Oakland the American Youth Congress is staging a giant youth peace mobilization on Friday, Feb. 7th, 1936, at the Jenny Lind Hall, 229 Telegraph ave., Oakland.

The most interesting feature of this program, which is given free to the public, will be a picture presented by five speakers representing Unemployed Youth, Young Worker, C.C.C. Recruit, Negro Student and Young Teacher, who will tell the story of their struggles toward peace, freedom and progress.

A skit will follow, presenting the way out.

Mr. A. D. Paupell, well-known Oakland sociologist, will be the main speaker of the evening.

MASS FUNERAL WILL BE HELD FOR GIRL KILLED IN EXPLOSION

Victim Was Daughter of Sam Jones, Negro Organizer for Los Angeles P.W.U.U.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 1.—Unemployed workers throughout Los Angeles County today mourned with Sam Jones, militant Negro leader and organizer for the Public Works and Unemployed Union, for the death of his 17-year-old daughter, Esme, who was burned to death in the Jones' home here last Thursday morning.

Leslie, 16-year-old son of Sam Jones, was attempting to start a fire in the fireplace to do some cooking, using coal and kerosene, when suddenly an explosion occurred.

Esme was sitting in front of the fireplace, and when her clothes blazed up, she became panic-stricken and ran. She was so badly burned that she died at 4 p. m. Thursday in the General Hospital.

RELIEF HEADS BLAMED

Leslie was severely burned but will live, and Sam's wife, Arlene Jones, was also burned in the tragic fire. A large part of the furniture was destroyed, and all the rest was damaged by water.

Responsibility for the death of Esme lies directly on the relief administration heads, who had refused to obtain gas and electricity utilities for the family, forcing the Jones' to cook in the fireplace. The public utility companies had turned off the gas and electricity for non-payment of bills.

A mass funeral, in which unemployed workers will participate, will be held Monday at 2 p. m., with services at Evergreen Cemetery Chapel, at Brooklyn ave. and Evergreen street.

PWU COMMITTEE ACTS

Yesterday a grievance committee of the PWU went to the DPO at 1235 East 9th street, to demand a partly-furnished house for Jones and a suit for him to go to the funeral, but got the old familiar "run-around" from Mrs. Cundiff, director of the DPO.

Today the committee was in session with Pomeroy and Pillings, county relief bureaucrats from 10:30 a. m. until 1:40 p. m., before it was able to hammer out an agreement to take care of Jones and his family. By this agreement, a committee is to check up on the needs of the family, to be supplied from the warehouse and balance of necessary articles to be purchased and paid for by Emergency Relief order.

ADMISSION

Admission of guilt as to the death of Esme Jones was made today by the LACRA, as follows: "Had there been utilities, the accident would not have occurred in this manner," said Pillings.

"The fault of the system, rather than the individuals in it, caused the accident."

The committee refused a suggestion of Slane, another relief "administrator," to take up a collection among the case visitors in the LACRA headquarters at 741 South Flower street. Slane had proposed \$1 each, but the committee held that the visitors were too lowly paid as it is and were not responsible for the accident.

PWU WINS CONCESSION

Mrs. Cundiff on Friday had offered only a used suit of clothes to Jones, valued at \$3, and the choice of two completely unsanitary shacks for a home for his family. One of these had been a bootleggers' hang-out, with three rooms separated by cloth partitions, and one bath-tub for use of three families, located on an outside porch. No gas facilities were available in this so-called house.

As a result of this militant PWU grievance committee, the needs of Jones and his family will thus be taken care of.

The Western Worker extends sympathy to Jones in the loss of his daughter, and pledges support to the fight for adequate relief standards, which are essential if similar tragedies are to be averted in the future.

SEAMEN PUT STEAMSCHOONER ISSUE UP TO SHIPOWNERS AS RETURN TO WORK IS VOTED

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The hearing on the defense's motion for dismissal will be held on Wednesday, at 2 p. m. Arguments are to be kept to 30 minutes. Judge Roach stated that he would give his decision on the case in ten days.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 3.—Over-awed by their own "Frankenstein" charter-pulling creation, Olander-Scharrenberg and the rest of the shipowners' agents who control the International Seamen's Union Convention, desperately strove to maintain their grasp upon the East Coast rank and file seamen who are overwhelmingly voting to strike rather than renew the 1935 agreement.

The East Coast shipowners gave the reactionary ISU District Committee a "breathing spell," when they graciously conceded a fifteen-day grace for the old agreement, which expired on Jan. 31.

Crews of a dozen ships at New York harbor have held meetings and sent telegrams to the convention demanding rescinding of the action taken against the 7000 members of the Pacific Coast Sailors' Union, District.

STRIKE DEMANDS GROW

With the charter revocation act as a further incentive the District Committee and the shipowners realize that the demand for a strike will be voiced in the majority of the ballots cast by the East Coast seamen.

Unable to handle the Convention, pending the outcome of the legal proceedings

POLICE PROBE HIDES SOURCE OF AFFIDAVIT

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time is concerned with some factional quarrel within the police department and that the district attorney's office has reasons at this time why it would like the removal of the officers named. It is equally apparent that it was willing to ignore the information in the past.

At the time Mrs. Meyers' political charge was dismissed, newspapers stated in small items that she had furnished information useful to the police in convicting Todd and Whitney. Mrs. Meyers denied this at the time and forced the papers to publish retractions. She still emphatically denies having given any such information.

THE EXAMINER

The San Francisco Examiner has had exclusive rights to the story of the police bribery exposure and has been playing it up in headlines. IT HAS CAREFULLY CONCEALED, HOWEVER, THE FACT THAT FLORENCE MEYERS A LITTLE OVER A MONTH AGO WAS ARRESTED ON THE PETITION CHARGE AND THAT SHE WAS GRANTED HER FREEDOM ON THE CONDITION THAT SHE WOULD AID THIS "INVESTIGATION."

Meanwhile, Louise Todd sits in the Women's State Prison at Tehachapi, Calif., facing a sentence of one to fourteen years for an act, trivial in nature and committed without intent to defraud. At the same time, the district attorney's office, with ease and automatic authority, dismisses an identical case in order to obtain information that will further its factional interests.

Florence Meyers' charge should have been dismissed. But it should have been dismissed for its sheer triviality and innocence, not by a corrupt deal.

JUSTICE

The Police Department should be investigated. But not for the private advantages of grafting factions. It should be investigated by the people of San Francisco for the people of San Francisco.

Every decent element of the population throughout the state must immediately write or wire to Mayor Angelo J. Rossi, to District Attorney Matthew Brady of San Francisco and to the Superior Court of San Francisco demanding that the sentence of Louise Todd be commuted to time served and that she be released at once. Cite the Meyers case in your message. Give the reasons for your demand, including the sheer political discrimination embodied in the petition charge.

EUGENE, Oregon.—(FP)—If farmers, unemployed or students should try to demonstrate against wishes of the authorities, police here will be ready for them. The police department has just received a supply of tear gas guns and bombs "for emergency use."

THE PLOT THICKENS

NEW YORK.—Shipowners here for a national meeting to discuss "current labor problems" are in actually attempting to coerce the Grace Lines and the Luckenbach operators to join with them in their planned lock-out of the West Coast maritime workers.

Forewarned by the expose which was made by the San Francisco District Council of the Maritime Federation, the operators dare not put their union-busting plan into effect, with two of the largest and most powerful companies intent upon living up to their agreements.

The two most notorious wage-cutting exploiters with the dubious "fame" of being the rottenest condition ships running, prior to the '34 strike, the Grace and Luckenbach have found it more profitable to operate their vessels under union conditions.

"Economic pressure" is being threatened against these two outfits by the chambers of commerce and the industrialists who are suggesting these two recalcitrants feel the heat of a boycott by the shippers to whip them in line.

The Panama Pacific Line is also being urged to join the gang in the fascist campaign.

The collusion between this meeting and the L.S.U. misleaders is obvious with the report that a committee from the shipowners gathering will "confer" with William Green on the "maritime problem."

RAPE OF ETHIOPIA WAR! INVASION OF CHINA

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France is now reported seeking a pact with the Soviet Union to "guarantee the independence of Austria." This would transfer the burden from the shoulders of Italy to the shoulders of the U.S. S.R. It would open up the dangerous possibility of Germany launching its attack on the Soviet Union through Austria. It would also pose the danger of Italy siding with Germany in such a conflict. Japan would not hesitate to open hostilities in the East.

Thus, if such a maneuver could be accomplished by Britain and France, they would see all of the belligerent powers diverted against the U.S.S.R.

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt, Feb. 3.

—The united front, which is opposing domination of Egypt by Britain, has organized a parliamentary labor party which will play an important part in coming elections.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 3.—

lavish hacienda of former President Plutarco Elias Calles has been seized by 200 Mexican women who have taken the law into their own hands. They have announced that they will turn the estate into a rest home for working women. The hacienda "Santa Barbara" is on the road to Puebla. Calles acquired it during his presidency and used it as a model stock farm.

LONDON, Feb. 3.—

Maddened by continual setbacks in the face of Ethiopian strategy, Italian forces have launched the most ferocious assaults of the entire invasion during the past week. The full strength of the invading forces have been exerted in a last, frantic effort to gain some measure of success before the rainy season begins in earnest. Quantities of poison gas and liquid fire have been reported in transit to the front lines to bolster the desperate effort.

Ethiopian forces, when confronted by these major attacks, melted away, leaving the Italian military machine to blaze away at the vacant desert. When the noise is over, they swarm over the hills in scores of raiding parties, attacking from both flanks and sometimes from the rear. The native forces are mobile, quick moving units which strike like lightning and disappear again before the invaders can bring their heavy machinery into play.

REDUCTION OF RELIEF WORK AND WAGE-CUT

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workers who have been fired and many of whom are on relief now.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 31.—Three hundred and fifty more administrative workers had been fired here today, by order of Roy W. Pilling, director of Los Angeles County Relief Administration, as "part of the drastic curtailment of relief expenses."

At the same time, Pilling announced 9700 cases had been transferred to WPA jobs and therefore cut off LACRA relief.

Starting February 7th, Pilling said he intends to have LACRA relief checks distributed twice a month, instead of weekly as at present.

Further starvation for relief workers was indicated by Pilling's arbitrary edict that starting Monday, no further emergency food orders will be issued and workers will have to wait for their checks.

"Except in cases of extreme emergency," Pilling announced that relief officers will only be open between the hours of 8 and 10 a. m., and 1 and 3 p. m.

Administrative workers will be reduced to 1125 on LACRA on February 16th, when 350 more are scheduled to fall beneath Pilling's axe.

invited to discuss with Dr. Ward the purpose of the American League Against War and Fascism.

Dr. Ward outlined the League program and then spoke specifically of the problems in Los Angeles, giving special attention to the police terror which intimidates educators, judges' and all groups who work against the abrogation of civil and democratic rights. Later the floor was thrown open for questions.

OUTLINES LEAGUE PROGRAM

Previous to the large mass meeting in the evening a reception was held for Dr. F. Ward. This meeting was attended by Methodist, Presbyterian and Unitarian ministers, prominent rabbis, officers of the International League for Peace and Freedom, judges, teachers and educators, and other representative persons who had been

A Bigger Western Worker To Attack Reactionaries

She Knows From Own Experience

ANITA WHITNEY
TELLS VALUE
OF PRESS

By Anita Whitney

Those of us who worked before the Western Worker was born can best realize what THE WESTERN WORKER means in our every day life as members of the Party and in the many allied activities with which we, as Communists, are connected. It has quadrupled at least the effectiveness of our work.

Without the Western Worker how could we have followed the fight, summer after summer, to organize the miserably paid agricultural workers of the state which led to the arrests and convictions under the vicious Criminal Syndicalist Law of our eight stalwart young organizers, and how could we know of the efforts being made to free them on bail pending their appeal.

AGITATOR AND ORGANIZER

Legin said "a newspaper is not only the collective propagandist and agitator, but also the collective organizer" and but for the columns of the Western Worker how could we spread the news of the coming Conference for the Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalist Law so that every militant worker learn the vital importance of rallying our forces to build this conference into a mighty power to free our comrades and repeal the law.

The Western Worker keeps us in touch with developments along the waterfront and tells us the true story of the perfidy of the ship owners. It links us up with the rest of the state with its news of the militant struggle of the P. W. A. workers in Los Angeles and the fight going on in the San Diego Labor Council. It keeps us in touch with the struggles of the share croppers of the South, with Amelco, Henderson, with the trial of the unfortunate Scottsboro boys. It keeps us abreast of the marvelous de-

VETERAN!



Anita Whitney, one of the best known women in the Communist movement. She struggled for workers' rights in the days before there was a Western Worker. She knows what the workers' press means.

velopments that are taking place in the Soviet Union.

SUPPORT THE DRIVE

It announces the tour of Dr. Harry Ward, a noted advocate of Peace from New York who will soon be here to report on the Third Annual Congress Against War and Fascism and to aid in strengthening our work along these lines.

Nor let us forget the educational importance of the interpretation of the news both local and otherwise that the Western Worker gives us through its editorial and special articles.

It is our duty to support the Western Worker drive to the utmost. More readers, more subscribers so that its influence may grow and widen more funds so that it can become a more efficient propagandist, agitator, and organizer in behalf of the working class.

Over the top in the Western Worker drive!

HOW WPA WORKERS CAN USE THE WORKING CLASS PRESS

A Means of Building Organizations of The Unemployed

By Bradley

On the question of increasing the circulation of the Western Worker and of letting the San Francisco workers feel that the paper is theirs, it seems that the main task is to get workers correspondence from docks, shops, ships and projects. It goes without saying that our own party members must start writing—especially those active Party members who come in daily contact with the problems of the workers.

THE W. P. A.

What can we write about? Well out on the Golden Gate Project the men are standing in long lines to check out their shovels, mattocks and wheel barrows. Often this red tape is even made worse when some lose their gear through no fault of their own. The men are opposed to this prison-like discipline, in view of the starvation wage received on the job. An elementary step, such as a mass refusal to check in the material by just stacking it up in one pile without going through the red tape seems to be the solution.

STREET CARS

The street-car company is making hundreds of dollars off the measly wages of the project workers because most of these men are compelled to ride street cars. The company guarantees a seat for everyone, but the men are packed in like sardines. In other cities the men are transported by trucks and machines, free of charge, to the projects. It seems an elementary step could be made in so far as packed street cars are concerned by getting a committee of men off the projects to protest to the street car companies. There are many problems that should be reflected in the Wes-



tern Worker. These problems can be solved through certain elementary actions. Our paper can be an organizer of workers if it helps in giving this needed guidance. We all must help our paper by sending in articles. Let's go.

Youth AND THE PRESS

More and more young people are asking for a clear answer to the ever increasing problems that confront them. The problems of security, happiness, freedom and peace are uppermost in their minds.

It is becoming clear that capitalism can answer these questions only by terror, lies, and deceptions. To whom can the youth look for the answers to their questions? Whom will they follow? The answer to this problem depends very much upon ourselves! If we, the Communists are to win the youth to add to the growing force for peace and progress, then we must build mediums to reach the youth. Further we must build a medium to give the young people leadership in their struggles and to help them to organize. Such a medium is our Western

FIGHT Against LIES

By John Leech,

Los Angeles Section Organizer.

The Hearsts, Chandlers and Manchester Boddy's are fulfilling their role as the mouthpieces of big business by creating a campaign of turmoil and confusion in the minds of the workers and middle class people. Their role as industrialists and agents can be traced through their entire campaign of lies against workers organizations.

LABOR TRAITORS

Buzzell, Sherman and Company are busy creating further confusion in the minds of the workers who are ready to struggle against sweat-shop conditions, for the right to organize for a decent standard of life.

POLITICAL SHYSTERS

Both the Merriam machine of reaction and the political shysters in the Democratic Party are trying to discourage and confuse any attempt on the part of the workers to build a Farmer-Labor Party in California.

TO COUNTERACT

In all, this campaign of attack and confusion is directed against every section of our population that expresses any desire to better their condition.

Our Party, our sympathizers in the mass organizations, the workers in the trade unions and in the factories must learn to use and to build our Western Worker as the most effective means of combating this capitalist inspired confusion. Our Party Members and friends must learn that a steady flow of news of workers struggles and victories will be an effective club against these lies.

BEST METHODS

Our Section and Sub-Section organizers must learn that through the use of Red Builders selling the Western Worker at every factory gate and trade union hall we can best fight these attacks against the organizations of the working class.

We must put into effect much better knowledge that we have, that we can best fight confusion and fascist reaction by supporting financially and building the circulation of our Western Worker which wipes out confusion by telling the truth.

Keen COMPETITION

Sonoma, San Bernardino and Merced sections have set the pace in their respective group competitions for the Mimeograph outfit to be awarded for outstanding work in the Western Worker Drive to raise \$7500 for an improved and enlarged working class paper.

From latest reports we hear that San Mateo and Santa Barbara Sections will give Sonoma Section plenty of worry and Sacramento tells San Bernardino to kiss the mimeo goodbye because they are going to at least double their quota and carry the bacon home.

IN THE RACE

Other sections which have taken on life the last week and intend to become factors in the competition are Fresno with 50 per cent of quota raised, Contra Costa with 31 per cent and Nevada with 22 per cent.

Monterey, Stockton, Arizona, Eureka, San Jose, Bakersfield, Tulare, and Porterville, it is not too late yet to win the mimeograph machine, mimeoscope and other equipment. You have not only the opportunity of doing your share to make the Western Worker a more effective weapon in the coming struggle for better conditions and in the fight against war and fascism, but you have also the opportunity of winning needed equipment for your section.

CIRCULATE LISTS

Circulate your collection lists among friends, shop mates and fellow workers on the job and get them to donate to the Western Worker. Speak for the Western Worker at your mass organization and take up a collection. Have your unit arrange a house party, which is the easiest way of raising funds, and select a leading comrade to speak on the role of the Western Worker.

RAISING THE \$7500 WILL MEAN AN EIGHT-PAGE WESTERN WORKER.

Ben Dobbs,
S. F. Section Organizer, YCL.

On the Front Line of Struggle



The Western Worker is not a mere impartial observer. It has been a comrade in struggle in every picket line. Nicolas Bour-

doise, one of the martyrs of "Bloody Thursday" on the San Francisco waterfront was well known as a seller of the Western

Worker. He was a member of the Cooks union and was helping in the relief kitchen of the maritime unions during the 1934 strike.

AN ISSUE OF FIRST IMPORTANCE

The Western Worker Is a Major Weapon of Labor

SPEED THE DRIVE FOR AN EIGHT-PAGE WESTERN WORKER

(An Open Letter to Its Readers)

By Wm. Schneiderman,
District Organizer, Communist Party of the U. S. A., District 13.

The first month of the year 1936 shows how rapidly the class struggle is sharpening, and how much the working class needs the Western Worker. And yet during the month of January, the Western Worker War Chest Drive has just reached the half-way mark, and is seriously lagging. Every Party member, every reader and friend of the Western Worker, should be aroused to action, to see that the drive for funds is a task of first-class political importance.

WAR CHESTS

The shipowners have a war chest. They have gathered a huge fund, out of the profits they have wrung from the working class, in order to launch an attack on the maritime unions, in order to finance fascist vigilante gangs to use terror against the whole labor movement.

The American Liberty League has a war chest. The Morgans, duPonts, and Hearsts are backing its reactionary drive on the liberties of the American people with all the huge resources of Wall Street. Their campaign in-

too late yet to win the mimeograph machine, mimeoscope and other equipment. You have not only the opportunity of doing your share to make the Western Worker a more effective weapon in the coming struggle for better conditions and in the fight against war and fascism, but you have also the opportunity of winning needed equipment for your section.

creases the danger of fascism and war.

THE UNITED FRONT

The burning need of the hour is to meet this danger with a united people's front. Not by faith in Roosevelt, who cannot and will not stop the advance of the forces of reaction, because instead of fighting them he surrenders to their demands and policies. What is needed is a united front that will really fight fascism and defend the economic interests and civil rights of the people, through the building of a Farmer-Labor Party on a local, state, and national scale. On this common ground, all trade unionists, Socialists, Epics, Townsendites can and will fight side by side with Communists in the organizations of the workers, farmers, and the middle class. The fight of the Communist Party for the united front is meeting with a powerful response everywhere.

DAILY PAPER NEEDED

That fight would be strengthened one-hundredfold on the West Coast if we had our most powerful weapon, the Western Worker, coming out daily. That goal can be reached within a year if we double and triple its circulation. In the meantime, our immediate objective must be to enlarge the paper to eight pages, and improve its contents and appearance to become a more effective and popular or-

gan. The successful completion of the War Chest Drive by March 14th would make this possible, as well as insuring the regular appearance of the paper for the entire year.

But funds alone, important as they are, are not sufficient. The staff of the Western Worker must have hundreds of voluntary workers—correspondents, sending in news and articles from every factory, farm, ship, dock, school, trade union, and other organizations. A workers' paper has no big staff of reporters as the capitalist press has; YOU are its reporters. Your paper has no distributing agency except yourselves; you must help build a mass circulation of the paper among the workers, the farmers, and all opponents of fascist reaction and war.

VETERAN OF STRUGGLE

The Western Worker has fought in the front lines of the workers' battles on the West Coast, against the betrayals of the Greens and the Scharenbergs, who have helped the employers in their war on militant labor. Now more than ever, when the maritime unions and all other militant unions are under fire, facing the combined attack of the employers and the Olanders, the Western Worker is needed to mobilize the workers to defend their organizations and their working conditions from being destroyed. Stand by the Western Worker!

Drive Standing

WESTERN WORKER DRIVE STANDING, FEBRUARY 1ST:

				Per Cent
Section	Group	Quota	Raised	Raised
Los Angeles	A	\$3500	\$1,990.47	57
San Francisco	"	2500	950.20	38
East Bay	B	350	137.75	39
San Diego	C	200	182.93	91
Sonoma	D	75	90.00	120
Santa Barbara	"	75	58.26	79
San Mateo	"	100	69.80	70
Monterey	"	75	3.00	6
San Bernardino	E	50	56.11	112
Sacramento	"	50	34.70	69
Fresno	"	50	25.04	50
Contra Costa	"	50	15.65	31
Eureka	"	50	.....	0
Merced	F	25	26.50	106
Nevada	"	25	5.50	22
Stockton	"	25	1.00	4
Arizona	"	25	1.00	4
San Jose	"	25	.....	0
Bakersfield	"	25	.....	0
Porterville	"	25	.....	0
Tulare	"	25	.....	0
At Large Dist. No. 13		175	48.62	28
TOTALS		\$7500	\$3,696.53	49

Some Comrades Seem to Forget

STILL TIME TO GET BUSY

Someone Goes to Soviet Union

Although some comrades from San Francisco and Los Angeles have forgotten that there is a competition going on for a trip to the Soviet Union, we want to remind all workers of Los Angeles and San Francisco that the best shock brigadier WILL BE SENT TO THE SOVIET UNION. The worker will be selected from the section that over-subscribes their quota the most.

Los Angeles is thus far leading San Francisco by 19 points. Los Angeles has raised to date \$1,990.47 of their quota of \$3500 while San Francisco has raised only \$950.20 of their quota of \$2500. Both sections will have to raise at least \$250 per week till the end of the drive, March 14th, to keep in the running.

The success of the Western Worker Drive depends mainly upon the Los Angeles and San Francisco raising the full quota. There is still plenty of time to go over the top and thereby guarantee the publication of the Western Worker as well as improving and enlarging it to an eight-page paper.

Los Angeles and San Francisco workers, remember that your Western Worker Drive Committee is watching you. You may be the one to go to the Soviet Union for May 1st and see the victorious working class of its Socialist Fatherland on parade.

RAISING \$7500 MEANS AN EIGHT-PAGE WESTERN WORKER!

EAST BAY STRIKERS REALIZE VALUE OF A LABOR NEWSPAPER

Western Worker Report of Casey in San Diego a Timely Warning for Alameda County Labor Council Progressives

In the last few weeks, the direct results of correct use of the Western Worker here in Oakland are obvious. That splendid front page editorial on the condition of the Epic movement, which showed the mistake of capitulation to the McAdoo machine, and showed the way out to the Epics, will help in strengthening the sentiment for a Farmer-Labor Party.

Many comrades on WPA utilized the Western Worker to show their fellow wheelbarrow pushers what was going on in Los Angeles. This was the first news the workers had of the successful strike and demonstration in Los Angeles and had a direct effect on the growth of the Public Works and Unemployed Union here. The capitalist sheets did not have a word about this struggle.

Another Western Worker scoop was the news of Joe Casey's high handed action in San Diego. The rank and file of the Alameda Central Labor Council immediately got busy to make sure that Casey is prevented from carrying on the same splitting tactics here. Only the Western Worker had a true story of what took place.

Comrades who have been taking the Western Worker to the workers on strike against the Moore Shipyards, know how popular the Western Worker is. Despite the fact that the papers were not the current issue, and were to be given away, some workers wanted to pay for them.

MORE CIRCULATION

At no time was it as important to sell the Western Worker as right now. The danger to the Maritime Unions precipitated by the revocation of the charter of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific cannot be exaggerated. If we are to force the reinstatement of the militant sailors; if we are to prevent the breaking up of the powerful Maritime Federation; if we are to gain the solidarity of the shore-side unions with the maritime unions; if we are to insure victory for the workers in the coming struggles; we must get at least ten times our present circulation of the Western Worker.

There is a wonderful way to popularize the Western Worker. The best way to reach new people. Write an article to the Western Worker containing news about your shop, factory, trade union, etc. Then contact everybody concerned, or if this is not possible get somebody else to do it. Experience shows that over half of the workers approached will buy the Western Worker. Most of the workers will buy the paper because they want to read the article that directly concerns them, but they will also read the articles about the Farmer-Labor Party, the struggle against war, etc.

NEED OF PAPER

As long as the workers have no source of information except the capitalist press, our work will be hindered. There they read the shipowners' full page ads, slandering the militant leadership of the Maritime Federation; there they read the unpaid ads of the shipowners that the capitalist sheets print in the form of news. There they read the vicious editorials of



Hearst, calling for pogroms against the militant workers.

The Western Worker helped organize the maritime workers. It helped prepare the struggle of 1934. It was a powerful weapon for the maritime workers in their strike. It was an important factor in building sentiment for the general strike.

It must continue with renewed energy its role of organizer of the masses. However, Western Worker circulation will not grow by itself. Let's go out this week and see how many Western Workers we can sell.

E. G.
East Bay Section.

AFL HEADS BAR RADIO WORKERS

Executive Council In Move to Sell Out Radiomen

MIAMI, Feb. 1—The craft-dominated American Federation of Labor Executive Council has rejected the 25,000 organized radio workers who have been asking a charter as an international industrial union for two years now.

They were advised that the council had decided their interests would "best be served" by affiliation with the Electrical Workers Union.

President William Green explained:

"The council felt that to create a new international union would only create new jurisdictional difficulties, while affiliation with an already existing union would minimize them."

The executive council denied permission to the present Federal unions of radio workers to hold a convention and proceed to organize their union; and instead, approved the plea of the Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and other craft unions that these radio men be delivered in to their hands.

James B. Carey, head of the provisional federation of radio men, warned the Executive Council that their decision would probably force the new union to remain outside the A. F. of L.

HOME FACTORY WE WOMEN WORKERS OFFICE FARM

A BOOK ABOUT WELL-TO-DO WOMEN

We recommend for light reading, Olga Knopf's "Women On Their Own."

Olga Knopf is a psychiatrist, and has made a study of middle class women who have adjusted themselves, with more or less success, to the "home-or-career" problem.

She lays considerable stress on the individual self-help method of curing mental readjustments, but does not neglect environmental factors.

Here are a few passages:

"At present women are certainly in a state of transition, even more unsettled than their situation would naturally demand. They wish to take advantage of the new status but they are not yet free from the old standards of judgment. The ideas of a past order of society die hard..." p. 259.

"The growing facility of divorce, the growing economic independence of women, has de-throned marriage from its position as the absolute, single, and crucial value of a woman's life." p. 260.

"The only country in which women are freer than in America is Russia, where the social order puts men and women on precisely the same basis and gives them equal rights not only on paper but also in practice. Educational opportunities are the same for both sexes and the choice of work depends only on fitness and preference... No special prestige is attached to any line of activity and women take no pride in appearing as masculine as possible... The woman who wishes equal rights and equal responsibilities for her sex cannot help but be cheered, whatever her politics, by this particular aspect of Soviet Russia." p. 283-4.

She deplores the present status of women in Nazi Germany and says, "Almost all the rights to self-determination which women had won in Germany were taken from them. Every guarantee that they could see to their own fate was destroyed... And did the new order protect women after her marriage?... Does the government undertake to guarantee that the children will always be provided for and the mother will never be in a position to feel, 'If I had kept my job, I should be far better off'?... If the government had planned for the future of married women who gave up their jobs, it might be thought that they intended, however mistaken their methods were, to improve the lot of women on the whole. As it is, we have no choice but to regard their actions as a savage and heartless attack on women..." p. 284-5.

BREADWINNING BURDEN INCREASING

WASHINGTON.—(F.P.)—Women are carrying more and more of the burden of supporting the family, Miss Mary Anderson, director of the Women's Bureau pointed out in her annual report to Secretary of Labor Perkins.

Data on the increase in the number of women sharing in family support is lacking, Miss Anderson said, emphasizing the need to collect such information.

According to the 1930 census, more than 3 million of the 10,750,000 employed women in this country were earners in families of two or more persons. One million were the heads of such families while 500,000 were the sole breadwinners.

FISHER'S MILL STRIKE ENDS AS VICTORY IS WON

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 29.—The long and bitter Fisher's Mill strike ended successfully with the re-instatement of the eleven men fired for union activity, union recognition and security rights to be conceded immediately.

Other points which the workers under the Flour and Cereal Workers' and Warehousemen's Unions struck for will be arbitrated.

Wages, hours and working conditions are the points to be arbitrated for thirty days.

Organized during the 1934 Maritime strike the workers at the Fisher's Mill, the largest in the Northwest, waged a strenuous battle to gain their right to union recognition.

The local maritime unions had rendered their full support to the strikers.

THREE MAIN PROPOSALS FOR SOCIAL INSURANCE LEGISLATION COMPARED

Frazier Bill Proposes to Raise Funds From High Income Taxes

The three main proposals for social insurance legislation now before the public are: The Old-Age Revolving Pensions Plan (the Townsend Plan); the Federal Social Security Act (favored by the President); and the Workers' Social Insurance Bill (the Frazier Bill, H. R. 3475).

The Townsend Plan offers \$200 a month to all over 60 years old (except the wealthy and those who prefer to work) on condition it be spent within the month. Estimated number of beneficiaries: 8 million. Cost 20 billion dollars a year, or 40 per cent of the total national income. The average person would be deprived of 40 per cent of his income; he would pay not merely 2 per cent but in the transactions he makes, but infinitely more. For when he purchases a pound of butter he pays 2 per cent on each exchange through which it has gone in order to arrive at his table, plus tax on all contingent commodities related to this service, i.e. payrolls, machinery, equipment, on each of which a tax has in like manner been pyramided. Estimates variously made place the resulting cost of living at 50 per cent to 65 per cent higher than at present.

The Federal Social Security Act fails to provide any health insurance, excludes all persons now unemployed, all farmers and self-employed persons, all clergy, religious and government workers, professionals, transport workers and domestic help, and places the burden of its expense on labor by taxing the payroll. It provides for only a portion of lost wages for only a few weeks in the year, and will not apply in most states in the Union.

The Frazier Bill, just introduced to the Seventy-fourth Congress, is the most comprehensive bill yet offered, covering insurance for old age, unemployment, disability, maternity, widows' and mothers' insurance, and for the first time, including farmers, professionals, the first time, including domestic and small business men, the self-employed middle class. It renounces payroll and sales taxes, and proposes to raise funds from high income, corporate surpluses and accumulated wealth. Benefits: \$10 to \$20 a week for each unemployed worker, \$3 to \$5 for each dependent.

Plans Speeded For New Union Sports Center

LEAP YEAR DANCE TO BE HELD FOR FUNDS

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 3.—The new Union Recreation Center established by maritime unions on the local waterfront has been given wholehearted endorsement by the District Council No. 2 of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific.

The Union Recreation Committee is giving a "Leap Year Dance" on February 29 at Druid's Auditorium, 44 Page Street, for the purpose of getting funds to carry through with plans to set up a real functioning recreational and athletic center.

This center will accept members by their union books which will also entitle members of their families to belong to the center. A moderate fee of \$1.50 quarterly will be collected.

To the men the Center Committee declares: "You may meet your future ball and chain at the dance, but don't let that keep you away. And remember you don't have to propose."

To the women the committee says: "This is the chance of a lifetime as Leap Year comes but once in four years. Tie a lasso band to your apron string while Leap-year is still here."

Assisting financially to establish the Recreation Center the Boys Restaurant at 15 Market Street, has loaned the Committee \$400 as a starter. The Boys Restaurant is famous for the assistance it has rendered the waterfront men during strikes.

Effective organization of unemployed will aid in maintaining union scales of pay. Demand that your union officials support such work.

NEGROES HIT BY WPA SHIFT IN PROJECTS

PROFITEERS COLLECT FROM CHURCH

By a WPA Worker.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 1.—About two weeks ago a transfer of women workers was made from the WPA Project at Fifteenth and Central Avenue to the Second Baptist Church basement and a school building at Forty First and McKinley Streets.

It was rumored first that the project at the church was to be an all-Negro project and a fee of 15 cents per month was to be charged. When the preacher and the district supervisors came to the project a few days before the transfer, a worker asked them if these rumors were true. It was denied by both parties. When the names were called a number of white and Mexican workers were assigned also. The same thing happened at the Forty First Street school project.

There is no fifteen cent charge now. The preacher said it was a mistake. On January 23 orders were received from the up-town office to the effect that the 20-minute lunch and rest period at 2:30 P. M. was to be stopped. No more eating in the sewing room, because "the garments get soiled."

RED BAITER'S PAST

Mamada, Cal.
January 29, 1935
Comrade Editor:

Al Smith in referring to what he called "the foul breath of Communistic Russia" may have breathed a whiff from his own foul past. There is nothing more putrid than the record of Smith when he was the boodle fee sheriff of Kings County, New York. Perhaps the changed political winds wafted back into his face his own foul political breath.

The voice is the voice of Smith but the words are the words of Wall Street, Rasco, DuPont and Company. All the potential fascists of America are lined up with the Liberty League.

The workers must support their press in order to work among and convince the backward and to prepare them for the crisis that they must meet.

C. R. M.

Effective organization of unemployed will aid in maintaining union scales of pay. Demand that your union officials support such work.

ESTABLISHING A NAZI PRECEDENT

Eureka School Teacher Ousted Because He Taught the Truth About Capitalism

By D. S.

"People of Eureka concerned with the future of the growing generation will not be alone in congratulating Superior Judge Harry W. Falk for his courageous decision in sustaining the ouster of Victor Jewett, former Eureka school teacher, because of asserted radical teachings and associations."

This is the way the Humboldt Standard, Eureka newspaper, greeted editorially the decision worthy of any fascist court, which was handed down by Judge Falk recently.

In his decision, Judge Falk noted evidence that "Jewett had received foreign money by check from Soviet Russia (interest on bonds); Jewett had written a letter to the Western Worker in December, 1934, concerning the renewal of his subscription and stated that he hoped this would establish normal diplomatic relations (a pun on the current news stories at the time in regard to recognition of Russia); that he would refuse to go to war; that Jewett had visited the Communist Hall (actually the Finnish Workers' Club); that he had subscribed to the Portland H.A. defense fund; and that the school board was justified in ousting Jewett."

FASCIST NOTE

The editorials in the Eureka Press sounded the keynote of the decision—"that it constitutes a timely rebuke to all movements that tend to undermine the fundamental theories upon which this country is founded and undoubtedly will set a precedent in the attitude of the courts toward recognition of public policy with respect to the issues raised."

This decision which "sets a precedent in the courts," is the first of its kind in the records of law in the United States. With the precedent now set for dismissing a teacher on prejudiced testimony before a court of law, it paves the way for an attack on all teachers who have progressive ideas.

That Jewett is not a Communist was admitted by even the prosecution; but that he was interested in the Communist Party; in the success of the Soviet Union, and the general trade union movement were the real issues used against Jewett.

LUMBER STRIKE

The background of the ousting of Jewett dates back to the lumber strike of 1935—Jewett, it seems, so far deserted the ruling class—the lumber barons and wealthy mill owners—as to "associate" with workers on the picket line.

The charges, drawn up by the local American Legion chapter, some of whose members took a very active part in the cold blooded killing of two strikers by thugs and deputies, deny the fact that Jewett engaged actively in the lumber strike and made inflammatory speeches to meetings of the Union and appeared in the com-



pany of known pickets on the picket line."

The charges were not filed against the several hundred lumber workers who at the sacrifice of two lives gained slight increases in wages and working conditions.

"PUBLIC FIGURE"

Obviously on this charge, Jewett's "guilt" lies in the fact that "a school teacher is more or less of a public figure, and his general associations cannot be divorced from other aspects bearing on his reputation in the community" (Humboldt Standard)—proving conclusively that the vast army of workers who toil and pay taxes is not the public, rather, as defined by the decision of Judge Falk, the vigilantes who used the public school for headquarters, the Legionnaires who led the strikebreakers, the lumber barons and the mill owners are the community.

The charges further state that Jewett criticized the form of government in the U. S. A.—seven million unemployed living off Roosevelt's starvation relief program face mass arrests tomorrow morning.

Jewett also had the audacity to "criticize great men in American history"—thousands of doughboys rotting in the battlefield graves in France are beyond the reach of Judge Falk—their ghosts still stalk the history of Woodrow Wilson, the great humanitarian who plunged America into a war that overflowed the stuffed coffers of Duponts and Morgan.

"MOSCOW GOLD"

"Moscow gold" was being sent to Jewett—interest from Soviet bonds bought from an American brokerage firm registered under American laws—this was the other charge placed against the teacher who dared risk his head on the picket line with the workers who paid the taxes that supported the school in which he taught.

Jewett offered to interview any parent dissatisfied with his teaching—no one responded. Judge Falk—in far seeing wisdom—was dissatisfied with the teachings, from his lofty bench he saw the danger that confronted the "citizens" of Eureka; "the education

ERNST AND M'GOVERN RULE EAST BAY CULINARY UNION BY DICTATORSHIP AND COPS

By an Unemployed Cook.

Police Called and Member Ejected for Bringing Charges Against Secretary Whose Books Show Irregularities

OAKLAND, Calif., January 24.—Police were called by reactionary officials in the Culinary Union, Local 31, here to support their dictatorship. When a sister brought charges against Secretary John Miller for irregularities of funds, Hugo Ernst sent McGovern to the local who suspended her and ordered her out of the hall. The membership was given no voice in the matter. She was told that she could appeal to the International and that it was out of the local's hands.

Current Events Are Discussed In Class At Huntington Park

HUNTINGTON PARK, Calif., Feb. 1.—Great strides have been made in the progress of the Current Events Class which is held in the Huntington Park High School.

The class opens at 7 P. M. each Monday evening with a half hour discussion on current events, led by the class teacher. At 7:30 the speaker of the evening is introduced. The talk lasts one hour, leaving another half-hour for questions and answers.

Most recent speaker was a delegate from the National Congress Against War and Fascism held at Cleveland, Ohio. Many famous and entertaining speakers have appeared during the past year. Several books including John Spivak's "America Faces the Barriers" have been reviewed.

1940 OLYMPICS?

LONDON.—(F.P.)—Japan and Italy have entered bids with the international Olympics committee for the 1940 games, it is reported in British athletic circles. Unless political changes take place in these countries, it is not believed the committee will seriously consider Tokyo or Rome, thereby defying world opinion as it did in keeping the 1936 Olympics in Berlin. Oslo, Norway, is considered a strong contender for the 1940 games.

of the youth of the land is a most important governmental duty... they should be taught that the only "ism" in this country is Americanism (and by God we'll use tar and feather to learn you) and they should be attached to the principles of the Constitution...

The Constitution—"the right to life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness."

American teachers should have the privilege of presenting all points of view on controversial issues without danger of reprisal by school administrations or by pressure groups in the communities.

Judge Falk may well look to William Randolph Hearst for a hearty back slap—"Americanism must not be confused with Communism—there'll be no argument—this is a free country and we'll call in the vigilantes to prove it."

The sister refused to leave the hall and the membership called out to her to stand her ground. At this point, police, who had been ready outside the door, entered and forced the sister out together with another sister who raised her voice against this dictatorship.

NOT FIRST TIME

This is not the first time that Hugo Ernst has defied the rights of the members. A short time ago a militant worker, John Stumph, objected to the Hitler tactics of Ernst. "You're suspended," shouted Ernst.

Stumph walked out and the majority of the members went with him in protest.

DEMOCRACY

Trade union workers are supposed to determine who shall be suspended in their own locals. In Local 31, this is not so. Members are supposed to run their own meetings, but in Local 31, dictators rule and call the police when they are challenged.

Trade union locals are supposed to have their own chairman, but in Local 31, International Organizer McGovern takes the chair and railroads the meeting.

In other unions, shortages and irregularities in handling money are serious offenses. But Hugo Ernst says it is just "bad book-keeping."

MR. SPOONER

During all this time for the past three months, Mr. Spooner, president of the local, and secretary of the Alameda Central Labor Council, who says he loves Local 31 because they put him where he is today, cooperated with Ernst and McGovern and made no effort to defend our rights.

It is our union. We pay the dues. We pay the per capita tax. We built the local in our struggles. We must be on the alert. We must attend our meetings and demand return of our democratic rights.

Elections are close at hand. We must prepare to elect honest rank and file officials who will work in the interests of the membership.

L.A. PARTY IS GAINING MANY NEW MEMBERS

DEADLINE IS NOW SET FOR MARCH 12

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 30.—"Stimulate recruiting by example!"

This slogan initiated by Communist Party organizers in the East, is being taken up here in the Los Angeles Section of the party with renewed vigor.

All sub-section organizers and John Leech, section organizer, are engaging in socialist competition to recruit as many members into the Communist Party as possible by March 12th, thereby encouraging the entire Party membership here to redouble its efforts to increase the mass base of the Party.

Comrade Garner, organizer of Manchester Sub-section, is leading the competition at the end of January with seven recruits. Leech has gained three new recruits.

Many units are entering into the competition by unit bars challenging other unit bars.

NEW VOICES

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 30.—Politicians who "promise" were attacked here yesterday at the meeting of Townsend Club 93, meeting in the Mason Opera House at noon.

Leading speaker was H. W. Deare, who spoke on the concentration of wealth.

"Don't misunderstand me," he said. "I'm not a Communist, but these facts are facts. Eighty per cent of the American people are paupers, while the remaining 20 per cent own practically all the wealth."

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MASS MEETING, BUILDING TRADES TEMPLE, 14th and Guerrero, FEB. 5.

Speakers: Assemblyman Paul Richie, Kaspar Bauer, Anita Whitney, Pat Lydon and others.

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United Front Makes Headway in Belgium

BRUSSELS, Belgium.—On the initiative of the Communist Party of Belgium, negotiations with the Belgian Socialist Party for a United Front against Fascism and War have resulted favorably. The General Council of the Socialist Party voted 44 to 4 in favor of a united front agreement patterned on the highly successful Front Populaire of France, which has staved off fascism, prevented the robber pact for dismembering Ethiopia in favor of the Italian fascist aggressors, forced Laval's resignation, and is headed for a working coalition government majority in the spring elections.

RIP TIDES

By Le Mac.

"Marching Men"

I wish we would have a war with Japan"—(Paul Scharrenberg—1935)

Labor Day — 1935... marching feet... workingmen's feet... bands, union bands... floats, union floats... seamen, longshoremen, bartenders, teamsters, laundrymen, cooks and waiters, bakers... 50,000 trade-unionists... marching up Market Street from Embarcadero to Civic Center.

Furtive heads clustered behind a third story window at the Matson Line Building... pale faces looking down on broad shoulders from Hearst's Examiner Building... disappearing as a sudden, spontaneous roar of hatred... hatred for Hearst... angrily beats against closed windows... but closed windows are not sound-proof... and Market Street's canyon echoes and re-echoes to the healthy scorn of union working men.

Civic Center... His Honor, silk hat and all, Mayor Rossi... flanked by "labor leaders" too much steeped in self imposed dignity to march with men... faces wreathed in "vote for me" smiles.

Paul Scharrenberg's glasses glint coldly in the sun... already he has been expelled from the Sailors Union of the Pacific... by an eleven-to-one rank and file vote... the flag goes by... his hat is off, his puny chest is off... a hand plays the National Anthem.

Comes a division... the Maritime Federation of the Pacific... strong men bearing an emblem of greater strength... sailors, longshoremen, firemen, hargemen, ship scalers, warehousemen, mates, stewards.

Harry Bridges marches under the banner of the Federation.

Scharrenberg's smile is shaky... his eyes are furtive... his pudgy hand trembles... he watches

His Honor, the Mayor... looks over the heads of marching seamen... here comes another flag... his pigeon breast puffs, meets his swollen paunch... then comes a wide-flung banner, blue with letters in gold... "Sailors Union of the Pacific."

Sailors marching twenty-five abreast, rank after rank... Scharrenberg is on their right as they approach the reviewing stand... a whisper from the ranks... "There's Scharrenberg"... eyes jerk right... then quickly left... a murmur from the watching crowds... Scharrenberg twitches nervously, wits, his chest deflated... all eyes are left or straight ahead... the marching men have their own way of recognizing their one-time "leader."

The day is cold... but sweat beads ooze from Scharrenberg's reddened brow...

The chairman raps his gavel... sonorously, over-burdened with dignity he calls to order the thirty-third Convention of the International Seamen's Union.

With the shadow of the capitol dome in the background, Scharrenberg takes the floor... Washington, D. C., four thousand miles from the Pacific Coast and the union he betrayed... brave again, chest out, he allows his hatred full sway... raves, squeals, calls for pogroms against the "reds" in the Sailors Union of the Pacific... he is inspired... once more he feels powerful... his friends surround him... they applaud... he talks on... and on... and on...

Appointed convention delegates squirm... dream of bar rooms and fat expense accounts... vote to jerk a charter... applaud... a boy in brown uniform brings telegrams... protests... Scharrenberg squirms... sees marching seamen... more protests... more... more... more...

Scharrenberg's smile is shaky... his eyes are furtive... his pudgy hand trembles... he watches

Labor Defense

By Bob O'Malley.

C. S. FREEDOM RALLY

Rapidly gathering momentum of public opinion for the early freedom of the Criminal Syndicalism prisoners is expected to be greatly augmented by the big mass meeting to be held at the Building Trades Auditorium, Feb. 5th. The meeting is under the auspices of the California Conference for the Repeal of the C. S. Act.

Coming on the eve of the quarterly meeting of the Parole Board at San Quentin, the rally is of particular importance to let that "august" body know that in the name of simple working class justice hundreds of thousands of Californians are demanding the earliest possible release of Caroline Decker, Pat Chambers and the other six victims.

The minimum sentence of the framed prisoners will be up February 27th. At that time they will have served one year. No time is allowed for the seven months served in the Sacramento County jail while waiting trial. The maximum sentence allowed by law is 14 years. The Parole Board has not yet set sentence.

Outstanding among the speakers are Assemblyman Paul A. Richie, one of the leaders of the Epic movement and a straight-from-the-shoulder speaker; Max Radin, noted professor of law at the University of Calif.; our own Anita Whitney, representing the Communist Party; and the incomparable Kaspar Bauer, who is president of the Butchers' Union at Santa Cruz and whose biting wit will make you roll in your seats. Under no circumstances can you afford to miss this meeting.

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WORKMAN'S CASE

Hearing in the Workman case arising out of the strike of the Jackson miners will take place February 3rd, in the Appellate Court, at Sacramento. Hearing is on an appeal for the conviction in Jackson, upon which Workman was sentenced to eight months. Workman is out on bail pending appeal.

CHARGES DISMISSED

Charges of refusing to disperse and resisting an officer against O'Brien, Ozer and Bale, arising out of a meeting at Fillmore and Ellis sts., March 23rd, 1935, were dismissed in municipal court this morning. In this case the police made a brutal assault on the meeting and then arrested those they had slugged.

SCOTTSBORO

We on the West Coast must not lose sight of the fact that the fight to win the freedom of the Scottsboro boys is our fight, too. Let's show our solidarity by sending in contributions to the newly formed United Defense Committee. The I.W.O. will give you a receipt for all funds and you can be assured that all is turned over in toto to the United States Defense Committee.

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Negro Work

By Pettis Perry.
(Los Angeles Section)

For many years, our party has been concentrating in the Goodyear subsection, where the largest part of the Negro population lives. Time and time again, we have raised the question of penetrating the great mass of the Negro people.

In the Scottsboro Action Committee, a committee organized following the frameup of the Scottsboro Boys for the purpose of penetrating the many Negro churches and organizations. We often discuss the question of Negro leadership in this work. We succeeded, finally, in getting a very intelligent Negro woman who became secretary of this committee, and who was connected directly, or indirectly with between six and ten organizations with regular representation to the Scottsboro Action Committee, consisting of from 30 to 60 delegates.

This Comrade belonged to a unit that had an attendance membership of five. This unit decided that they needed an agit-prop, so they mechanically assigned this Comrade to the job, in spite of all the protest voiced by her, with the result that she attended one agit-prop meeting and became inactive altogether. All of these organizations were lost. The Scottsboro Action Committee ceased functioning because no one was immediately available to take her place.

Another situation we had: We organized a section of the I. L. D. One Comrade was assigned for Literature Agent of the Section, which was composed of six branches. From 150 to 250 Labor Defenders and much other current literature was being sold, mainly in the Negro territory. At least ten drug stores were handling literature for us. This Comrade was proposed for the job. This assignment, he refused. He was then called before the subsection bureau, and had the job forced on him anyway. The result was that this Comrade dropped out of the Party, and out of the movement altogether.

SECTARIAN APPROACH

The theory behind both of these sectarian approaches was: First, we must have discipline in the party. Second, the party is the leader of the masses, and the party comes first. In both of these changes, not once was the fraction consulted. The Comrades in these units do not see the difference between leading the masses or leading a narrow party group, as Dimitroff puts it.

I believe what is true of the Goodyear Section in Los Angeles, is true of many other units in different parts of the country. If the units, instead of removing these Comrades, had tried to guide their activity among the masses, many new workers could have been brought into the party through their work. And instead of losing two valuable Comrades, they could have been developed into real leaders of the working class. Instead of the mass of workers

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Last of the Centralia Victims BECKER FIGHTS FOR FREEDOM Sixteen Years Behind the Bars

By Dawn Lovelace.

WALLA WALLA, Wash. — "Hello, Cap." "Hello, buddy—what division were you with?" "Thirty-second. What were you with?"

"Thirty-third...Are you going to parade Armistice Day?" "No, I paraded all I'm going to."

"You ought to show your patriotism." "I showed it once and I'll never show it again. I'm broke and barefoot and I can't even buy shoes to wear and I've only got a quarter to buy breakfast." "I'll tell you what I'll do. I'll give you a good job in the Hilliard shops and I have a big car out in front, and we are going to raise hell in Centralia. We're going to drive the Wobblies out."

"What we can't drive into the river or the mountains, we're going to kill and make this country safe and free for us boys. If you go with us and help us, you'll never have to worry again as long as you live."

CENTRALIA ECHOES

This conversation is quoted from a signed and sworn affidavit found among the boxes of age-yellow records of the

feeling that the party is destroying their organization, they would have the greatest respect and admiration for the party.

CORRECT MISTAKES

What are some of the things that this unit could have done to help these Comrades in their work?

First, check up on them and find out how they are bringing the party campaign before the masses.

Second, who among these masses could be recruited into the party.

Third, how many of these workers read party literature.

Fourth, how the party could be mobilized to strengthen the Scottsboro Campaign.

By broadening the Committee, or by raising other issues, particularly questions pertaining to the struggle on the Negro front. These few simple things would strengthen the party, and at the same time, build up a more powerful united front movement.

TRANSMISSION BELTS

Unless we discontinue this mechanical approach, we cannot hope to win over the great mass of the Negro people. Therefore, our immediate objective must be one of clarification in the units on the different approach to the masses, the immediate strengthening of all United Front Committees, particularly the local sponsoring committees of the National Negro Congress, as well as the present Scottsboro Action Committee.

Our present mass organizations must be immediately made into real mass organizations and real transmission belts for the party. In my opinion, this would actually speed the building of our party into a mass party in Goodyear sub-section.

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famous "Centralia, Armistice, 1919" cases. The records were brought to light in preparation for the habeas corpus hearing of Ray Becker, last of the eight victims to remain in prison here.

The other seven all have died or accepted parole. The affidavit quoted above was made by Peter McCartin, American Legion member of Seattle, in September, 1930. The conversation dated took place on November 8, 1919—three days before the bloody Armistice Day event when a parade, organized as a vigilante mob by Northwest lumber interests, attacked the Industrial Workers of the World hall at Centralia.

Four Legionnaires were killed when the workers defended their hall. Immediately a series of official and unofficial raids was organized. Violence and blood-thirstiness turned the little community of Centralia into a town of terror. The Northwest was stirred into a hysteria of red-baiting and man-hunting. Wesley Everest, ex-soldier and still in uniform, was captured by the mob, tortured for hours, lynched and his body left in jail for two days. The jail was packed with workers—the body was to be a grisly "object lesson" for militant labor to observe.

SIXTEEN YEARS

Becker—still fighting for his liberty after sixteen years of jail—will have his habeas corpus hearing in the United States District Court on February 3.

He has prepared his own brief—a hand-printed document of 144 pages, of which he has made three copies. He studied law in prison for two years; then he worked one year preparing the document whose painfully printed pages record the bitter experiences behind which loom the hatred of the industrialists for militant, organized labor. Exposed is the desperate employer fight to control lumber workers during and after the war. Disclosed is the mob hysteria surrounding the "trial" which convicted eight workers of second degree murder.

JUROS HELP

All of the living jurors—eleven of them—who helped convict Becker and his comrades have signed affidavits telling of the lynch atmosphere during the trial. These jurors ask freedom for the victims. Records also show the widow of one of the Legionnaires killed during the raid—Mrs. Casagrande—regrets her husband died for such a cause and calls for the freedom of the workers.

Irvin Goodman, Portland International Labor Defense Attorney, has been handling Becker's defense since 1933 and will present his case to the court on February 3. Goodman

Sonoma SECTION SPEAKS

Sonoma Section, with a quota of \$75 in the Western Worker drive has already over-fulfilled its quota by 20 per cent. This is in spite of the harder conditions of work since the severe terror our section went through.

The quota of \$75 was looked upon by our section committee as a rather high one, so we decided to begin work immediately in order to try to fulfill it. We called for plans to be submitted to the Section Committee from each unit on how they would go about raising funds.

This was done with the result that Cotati unit organized a house party already in November at which it raised its quota. This spurred Santa Rosa unit on to having a series of card parties at which a turkey was the grand prize. Having a prize for the highest score of the whole series kept up interest so that the sympathizers came to each party. In that way S. R. unit, which has a large percentage of unemployed, was able for the first time to raise its quota.

Then Petaluma unit with a good group of sympathizers staged its dinner party which was the most successful of all in the way of money turned over.

So far we have turned in \$90.00 and we are not through yet. We challenge the other three sections in our class to try and get that mimeograph!

L. R., Section Org.

Not a single square mile of Ethiopia to the fascist Mussolini! How good is your unit working? Did you carry out your last plan of work? Are you improving from week to week? How is further improvement to be made?

The peace policy of the Soviet Union is against every attempt to enslave racial minorities.

played an important role in the successful battle of the Alaska miners against the lynch rule of the Alaska-Juneau Corporation recently.

It is reported a number of the former jurors who brought the "guilty" verdict against Becker and his seven comrades, will appear in court to testify for the defense in an effort to show that Becker's constitutional rights were violated at the original trial.

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History of world-famous Criminal Syndicalism cases in pictures, and exhibits, showing living conditions of California's agricultural workers and depicting strike and trial scenes.

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Health and the Class Struggle

By FRANKLIN E. BISSELL, M. D.

PANELS OR GROUPS?

Heretofore, we have taken it for granted that all radicals and progressives believe that the socialized or group-medicine form of organization is far superior to the antiquated form of individual practice now in existence. However, we discussed the matter with probably the most progressive group of physicians in the progressive city of San Francisco the other evening and we found that they are all firmly convinced the present-day individualistic system is the best. The discussion hinged around the question of whether medical relief by the government should be carried on by means of clinics or by using the large numbers of physicians' small offices and laboratories, now in existence, through the panel system.

SEEK GOOD CARE

During the discussion, it was brought out that none cared which system cost the government the most, but that the patients should receive complete, scientific medical care and that the doctors should be fairly paid. We pointed out, however, that wherever a costly apparatus was set up such as the SRA panel system in Oakland, the relief officials were always yelling about the expense and using this as an excuse to cut down on the quality of medical care. Radicals and progressives must always campaign for the most economical system, for if an uneconomical plan does not work very well, they will be blamed if they have backed the plan.

In order to clarify the question as to which system is the most economical in comparison to the results which it obtains, we have reviewed the various socialized medical groups throughout the country. The most instructive example is that of the health service offered by the Cornell University Clinic for the college students. This included a thorough examination, free hospital service, and minor treatments. The student pays \$10 for the school year. He receives on the average more than \$5 worth of hospital care and five consultations with physicians. If the student paid for all this on a fee basis, the least he would have to pay would be twice the ten dollars. On the other hand, the well-qualified doctors in the clinic are paid much better than the average physician in private practice, must work but six hours a day, and have three months' vacation a year, with salary.

INCOMES HIGH

According to the Committee on the Cost of Medical Care, the net incomes of physicians in twenty-seven private group clinics studied ranged from \$5000 to \$17,000 a year with an average of \$10,000. This compares very favorably with 35 per cent of all doctors in the United States who receive less than \$2500. Although the cost to the patients in the clinics is no lower than in individual practice, the quality of the service was much higher. These two examples should be sufficient to show that socialized medicine is much more economical than individualized medicine.

The reason for this is quite clear. Imagine the present medical set-up as applied to the repair of automobiles. Ignition trouble would be treated by an ignition specialist on the East Side, tire trouble on the West Side, engine trouble on the North. Each of the mechanics would keep his own books and charge a separate fee. The repair of automobiles would be immensely more costly and inconvenient than it is. The same is true with medicine. Great savings can be made by various groups of doctors working very closely together and using the same space, equipment and staff of assistants.

In the case of the WPA workers who do not receive enough to pay for medical service, they should campaign for either sufficient wages to pay sickness-bills, or for a form of socialized medicine.

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Meet the Employers' Attack With United Ranks!

A storm of protest has been aroused throughout the labor movement on the entire Pacific Coast against the attacks launched against the militant maritime unions by the shipowners, assisted by the splitting tactics of the I. S. U. officials, and their hand-picked machine controlling the convention in Washington.

The Central Labor Councils of San Francisco and Oakland have voted to endorse the demand of the maritime unions for a public Congressional investigation of the shipowners' planned lockout. Even the Scharenberg-controlled I.S.U. convention was forced to take similar action.

The Central Labor Council of Seattle protested the action of the I.S.U. convention in revoking the charter of the Sailors' Union. The San Francisco Labor Council last Friday night refused to unseat the delegates of the Sailors' Union, although this was demanded by Green and Olander. Other trade unions and Central Labor Councils are taking similar action to rally to the support of the maritime unions.

The members of the Sailors' Union have stood solid under these attacks, and are fighting to remain a part of the I.S.U. and the A. F. of L. They have refused to be provoked into any action tending toward an independent union, realizing that the shipowners and the Olander-Scharenberg clique would like nothing better; on the contrary, they are determined fighting to retain their charter, and are getting the backing of organized labor in this fight.

The West Coast I.S.U. branches that are being ordered to withdraw from the Maritime Federation, are going so under protest, but are continuing to maintain fraternal relations and cooperate with the other unions affiliated with the Maritime Federation, with the understanding that as soon as the necessary changes are made in the Constitution of the Federation that will satisfy the technical requirements of the I.S.U. and the A. F. of L. they will again re-affiliate with the Maritime Federation, which is in full conformity with the principles of the I.S.U. and the American Federation of Labor.

The fight in the maritime workers against the attacks of the employers and the I.S.U. officials should receive the support of every trade union and Central Labor Council. Labor must present a solid united front in defense of the maritime unions.

The freest government cannot long endure when the tendency of the law is to create a rapid accumulation of property in the hands of a few, and to render the masses poor and dependent."—DANIEL WEBSTER.

The Fascist-Vigilantes Emerge Openly As Tools Of the Shipowners

The vigilante-fascist agents of the reactionary employers lost no time in launching their filthy provocative attack on the labor movement and its progressive leaders following Harry Bridges' exposure of the secret plan of the shipowners to simultaneously attack the maritime unions here and in the East. The vile sheet called the American Citizen, attempting to masquerade behind patriotism and civic pride, brings forth a monstrous spew of lies, misquotations and open incitement to violence.

It is significant that the American Citizen's attack is primarily launched against the waterfront workers, their popular leader Harry Bridges, and the Communist Party and its organ, the Western Worker. Its scurrilous "whisperings" of "official Communist secrets" would be laughable except for the fact that many honest workers are as yet unable to see through these disgusting lies, although few trade union members are to be found who will disagree with the popularity of progressives who are continually under fire as "Communists." This has come to be a tribute to any working class leader as significant of his honesty and ability.

The American Citizen made its appearance in a 100,000 edition, and was distributed widely by professional means. There can be no doubt as to exactly who is behind it—those like the waterfront employers and the Chambers of Commerce who hope to benefit from its effects. Furthermore, its appearance times with the moves made by reactionary union officials to lift charters, tie up funds, suspend progressives or otherwise eliminate the leaders who have built the unions and aided in winning better conditions.

We are answering this 100,000 broadside of fascist-vigilantism with a tabloid edition of the Western Worker for the widest possible distribution this week-end.

Comrades! Sympathizers! Progressive trade unionists! Anti-fascists! Prepare to handle an appropriate number of these newspapers, which will cover the recent developments in the war between reaction and progress, vigilantism and preservation of trade union democracy as affecting the entire Pacific Coast. Get your mailing lists ready. Prepare to mobilize for house-to-house distribution. Appoint agents to attend all mass meetings. Get in touch with Workers' Bookshops and Communist Party headquarters in your locality and order your quota!

Send Delegates To the Mooney Conference!

The historic fight for the freedom of Tom Mooney, veteran political prisoner in the United States, has entered upon a new phase with the calling of a conference next Sunday, February 9th, at the Labor Temple, under the auspices of the San Francisco Central Labor Council.

Already the wide response proves the tremendous interest in all labor unions in achieving the freedom of the man who is the victim of the most flagrant frame-up in the history of the class struggle. The reason for this is obvious—the concerted attack of leading capitalists and their henchmen on the labor movement, an attack clearly evident in San Francisco and San Diego in recent weeks. Tom Mooney was framed in just such a drive.

Members of trade unions in the Bay area are urged to raise the matter at union meetings, so that every union will send their quota of five delegates to Sunday's conference.

Make this the beginning of a last tremendous effort for the complete and un-conditional freedom of Tom Mooney!

Party Life

DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL DEPARTMENT

Some Good Work By A Live-Wire Unit In Los Angeles

Work among the masses of workers—this is the secret of proper recruiting on the basis of the activity of our unit since September 1, 1935. Twenty-one new Party members have been recruited during this period, of which a majority have been good, working class elements, first tested in mass organizations.

The unit was born as a three-way division of two previous units and started with nine members. As a plan of work up to January 1st, the unit resolved as follows:

To recruit nine new members for our Party, including one trade unionist and two Negro workers; to make every member a regular dues-paying member; to issue at least one leaflet a month; to have regular educational in the unit; to do Red Sunday work at least once a month; to have a mimeograph; to stabilize the Western Worker bundle order at 12 copies each issue.

RESULTS

Results were: Twelve new members recruited by January, including one trade unionist. No Negro workers were recruited, and eight of these workers were recruited by two members of the unit, both Section functionaries, which was a weakness. Dues were irregular, due to failure to reorganize our squad systems periodically and to transfers of unit members. Only one leaflet was issued—on Armistice Day—and no mimeograph was acquired, although sufficient money was raised for this purpose. The unit has been waiting to get a mimeograph at a "bargain" price.

Educational were conducted regularly, and through this period most of the comrades developed to where they were able to contribute vitally to the discussions, mostly around the questions raised by the Seventh World Congress and the November Plenum of the Central Committee.

Only one Red Sunday was held in the unit territory. The Western Worker was stabilized at about 16 copies each issue, plus 11 Saturday Daily Workers. Several times, however, the literature agent failed to secure the Monday issue of the Western Worker for the unit. About 100 copies of Dimitroff's report were sold.

NEW QUOTAS

Starting 1936, the unit was assigned quotas by the Downtown Sub-section of four new recruits, \$17 cash for the Western Worker, and eight subscriptions to W. W. Three weeks later the unit had accomplished the following:

Six recruits of unusually good composition, five of which were recruited at an open unit meeting; nine subscriptions for the Western Worker; approximately \$18.50 in cash for the Western Worker drive.

The following plan of work was then adopted for the period up to March 1st:

Four new recruits, including one trade unionist, two unemployed, and one Mexican worker; increased quota to \$34 and 12 subscriptions for the Western Worker; stabilization of the Western Worker bundle order at a minimum of 20 copies of each issue; Red Sunday work on one block every Sunday; sale of 25 copies of Dimitroff's report and of the Gorman-Lewis pamphlet to trade unionists; to build a functioning fraction in the neighborhood Townsend Club, largest in the country; acquiring of a mimeograph by March 1st; issue of at least two leaflets per month; the getting of at least two comrades into trade unions.

However, because this unit has merged with two other units for a six-weeks' experiment in an enlarged organizational form, as suggested by Comrade Brown's article in the November "Party Organizer," this plan is being expanded and will be reported on later.

WEAKNESSES

The unit has improved, but has weaknesses which this plan of work was intended to correct. For one thing: the unit bureau met irregularly; this was due to the fact that the organizer and agit-prop are section functionaries and loaded with many other tasks.

However, it seemed necessary at the time for these comrades to undertake leading positions in the unit. New forces recruited are of good caliber and should soon be

Join the Communist Party!



Who Are The Americans?

By Earl Browder.

The question asked of Communists more frequently than any other, if we can judge from the Hearst newspapers, is this:

"If you don't like this country, why don't you go back where you came from?" The truth is, if you insist on knowing, Mr. Hearst, we Communists like this country very much. We cannot think of any other spot on the globe where we would rather be than exactly this one. We love our country. Our affection is all the more deep in that we have watered it with the sweat of our labor—labor which made this country what it is; our mothers nourished it with the tears they shed over the troubles and tragedies of rearing babies in a land controlled by profit and profit-makers. If we did not love our country so much, perhaps we should surrender it to Wall Street.

Of course, when we speak of our love of America, we mean something quite different from what Mr. Hearst is speaking of in his daily editorial diatribes. We mean that we love the masses of the toiling people. We find in these masses a great reservoir of all things admirable and lovable, all things

prepared for leadership in the unit.

Work has been lax in the neighborhood, and as a result, all new members came from the Public Works and Unemployed Union and the I.L.D.

This recruiting from mass organizations is good, but at the same time the unit has not been the political leader in the neighborhood. Only two unit members are in trade unions. Nothing has been accomplished in United Front work, or in building a Farmer-Labor Party. The comrades are nearly all engaged in mass work—chiefly in the PWU—but this work was not sufficiently directed by the unit.

Membership in the unit at the time of the merger, included 21, many having been transferred to other units, sub-sections, and sections in the district. No members have dropped out of the Party from this unit.

OPEN MEETINGS

The unit has one "tip" to pass on to other units. In conducting open unit meetings, we had the agit-prop talk for about 45 minutes on the structure of our Party, how it conducts mass work, and how it seeks to prepare the working class for its historic mission of destroying capitalism and setting up a workers and farmers' government.

Following this, the floor was open for questions and discussion. Visiting contacts were thus able to ask questions bearing on their individual problems in relation to joining the Party, and many of their previous misgivings and doubts as to the Party were thus allayed, and they were easily recruited.

The first open unit meeting we had was devoted only to discussion of a broad political problem and did not bear on local problems and conditions, with the result that this meeting was fruitless.

Unit A-6, Downtown Sub-section, Los Angeles Section.

The following article by Earl Browder, general secretary of the Communist Party of the United States of America, is one chapter from a book by Browder to be published soon. Because of its length it will be published in two installments, of which this is the first. It represents an effective and extremely logical answer to the question often heard these days: "If you don't like this country, why don't you go back where you came from?"

that make life worth living. We are filled with anger when we see millions of these people whom we love being degraded, starved, oppressed, beaten and jailed when they protest. We have a deep and moving hatred of the system, and of those who fatten on the system which turns our potential paradise into a living hell.

NO "CHOSEN PEOPLE"

We are determined to save our country from the hell of capitalism. And most of us were born here, so Hearst's gag is not addressed to us anyway. But workers in America who happen to have been born abroad are just as much Americans as anybody else. We all originated across the waters, except perhaps a tiny minority of pure-blooded American Indians. The foreign-born workers have worked harder for less wages on behalf of this country than anybody else. They deserve, at a minimum, a little courtesy from those who would speak of Americanism. There is less historical justification in America than perhaps in any other major country for that narrow nationalism, that chauvinism, which makes a cult of a "chosen people."

We in America are a mongrel breed and we glory in it. We are the products of the melting pot of a couple of hundred nationalities. Our origin as a nation acknowledged its debt to a Polish Kosciuszko, a German Von Steuben, a French Lafayette and countless other "foreigners."

FEARLESS FIGHTERS

Furthermore, let's be careful not to get snooty about pedigree; half the names in the American social register were originally borne by men who were transported from Europe after conviction of crime or who in the new country became bold bandits and buccaners. It was the more aggressive and violent types who rose to the top most quickly in our early days and laid the foundations of the great American fortunes. They were the Al Capones of their days, with no income tax department to bring them to grief.

We love the past history of America and its masses, in spite of the Astors and Vanderbilts. We find in it a wealth of tradition striped in the purple dints of glory—the glory of men and women fighting fearlessly and self-sacrificingly against the throttling hand of a dead past, for those things upon which further progress depended.

Around the birth of our country as an independent nation cluster such heroic names as those of Patrick Henry, whose famous shout, "As for me, give me liberty or give me death!" re-echoes down

the corridors of time; of Thomas Paine, whose deathless contribution to our national life of a militant anti-clericalism has long survived the many pamphlets with which he fought, the form of which already belongs to a past age, of Thomas Jefferson, whose favorite thought revolved about watering the tree of liberty with the blood of tyrants (he thought this "natural manner" should be applied to the tree about every twenty years!); of all the founding fathers, whose chief claim to glory lies in their "treason" to the "constitutional government" of their day, and among whom the most opprobrious epithet was "loyalist."

WROTE NEW CHAPTER

These men, in their own time, faced the issues of their day, cut through the red tape of precedent, legalism, and constitutionalism with a sword, made a revolution, killed off a dying and outworn system, and opened up a new chapter in world history.

Our American giants of 1776 were the "international incendiaries" of their day. They inspired revolutions throughout the world. The great French Revolution, the reverberations of which filled Europe's ears during the entire nineteenth century, took its first steps under the impulse given by the American Revolution. The Declaration of Independence was for that time what the Communist Manifesto is for ours. Copy all the most hysterical Hearst editorials of today against Moscow, Lenin, Stalin; substitute the words America, Washington, Jefferson; and the result is an almost verbatim copy of the diatribes of English and European reactionary politicians in the closing years of the eighteenth century against our American founding fathers. Revolution was then "an alien doctrine imported from America" as now it is "imported from Moscow."

After the counter-revolution engineered by Alexander Hamilton had been victorious and established itself under the Constitution in 1787, a period of reaction set in. There was, as in our modern days since the World War, a period marked by oppressive legislation which went down in history as the "Alien and Sedition Laws." But the American masses had not been mastered; those who rode high and mighty with their eighteenth century counterparts of criminal syndicalism laws, deportations, Palmers, Dicksteins and McCormicks, were driven out of power in a struggle, often bloody and violent, which again for a period placed the representatives of the masses (then predominantly agrarian) in control of government.

(To Be Continued.)

HELP YOUR PAPER
The WESTERN WORKER editorial office needs clippings from all newspapers and magazines on the great strike of 1934. If you have files on this material or any clippings, you can help your paper build a permanent reference file by sending them to the editorial offices, 121 Haight Street, San Francisco.

Books—Pamphlets IN REVIEW

WE SOVIET WOMEN, by Tatiana Tchernavin (E. P. Dutton and Co.), \$2.50.

By Ella Winter.

Hardly had Hearst finished running scurrilously Madame Tchernavin's first anti-Soviet book, "Escape From the Soviet," when she comes out with another, "We Soviet Women." The title is misleading. This book is a collection of sketches of non-Soviet women—"former" people like the author herself, gypsies who didn't thrive in a land where cabaret and loose night life didn't come first any more, petty, gossiping, silly women, bureaucratic officials, girls who didn't understand what was happening under their very eyes, and who would sleep with a man for a bar of chocolate. Every one knows such exist in the Soviet Union; the Soviet newspapers are full of diatribes against them; the two satirists here last month, Ilf and Petroff, spend their lives running down and exposing in Pravda the stupidities and vanities, bureaucratic acts and pettinesses that Communists are the first to scold about.

But Madame Tchernavin sees nothing but these; Soviet Russia in her eyes is nothing but a collection of mean, dirty, ignorant, cruel, drunken, rapacious, smelly, immoral people who waltzly upset a lovely regime in which she and her friends had lovely clothes and houses and food and books and music and sweet flirtations and "gay, light-hearted" gentlemen. She tells fifteen individual cases—exactly fifteen—and generalizes about 170,000,000 people. It is small wonder, if that's how she behaved at home, that the GPU finally got sore and stuck her in jail. From her petty and mean-spirited carping at the difficulties Communists are the first to acknowledge, and which they are heroically trying to do away with, it's a wonder they threatened her as well as they did.

In one spot she even dares say that the police under the Czar were so nice and thoughtful and the prisoners so well-treated, while look at the GPU now. Let me, who is not a Russian, make so bold as to suggest to Madame Tchernavin she read such Russian classics as Dostoyevsky's "Farse of the Dead," Very Figner, Vira Zassulitch and so on, to discover how political prisoners fared under the Czar.

These are some of Tchernavin's revelations:

"The Soviet regime specializes in traps and strangleholds for its citizens..." (p. 221).

"Deafness was hereditary in her family and the conditions of Soviet life had obviously made it much worse..." (p. 172).

"The Soviet regime evidently invented all 'diseases, ugliness, lack of intelligence, death and life..."

"Beauty affects Communists no less than it does capitalists" (p. 102). "Writing is sheer waste of time" (p. 105)—in U.S.S.R. that is—obviously not in America, for ladies like this author.

Having done her unpatriotic and ungenerous best to harm her homeland in foreign eyes, the author comes to America—the America of the murder of Sacco and Vanzetti, of 20,000,000 semi-starving, of one child in six undernourished (official Washington figures), of kidnapped and murdered babies, radio crooners, of the King Lehrs and Hollywood morality, and for nice refined American dollars gleefully lies about the first scientific, moral, clean, just and decent society in the history of the world. Bravo, old Russian intelligentsia. Now do you understand why you had to be liquidated?

British R.R. Unions Back United Front

LONDON, England.—The national executive of the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen recently passed a resolution declaring that the union will "support the affiliation of the Communist Party to the national Labour Party." This was contained in a letter from John Bromley to Harry Pollitt.

This is the first time a national executive has taken such a stand, although dozens of local unions are ardently working in support of the Communist Party's united front fight, especially since the recent election, when the C. P. campaign work substantially aided in electing Labor Party candidates.

SCOTTSBORO BOYS THREATENED WITH NEW CHARGE BY SHERIFF

"Escape Plot" Alibi Collapses—Ernest Merriwether Released at Decatur.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Feb. 1.—Ernest Merriwether, young Negro errand boy arrested in Decatur and charged with smuggling a knife to one of the Scottsboro boys, was released last Wednesday. This substantially deflates the melodramatic "escape plot" story with which Sheriff Sandlin tried to whitewash his cold blooded shooting of Ozie Powell.

Statements of the other boys in the car when the shooting took place revealed that Ozie, after hours of grilling, abuse and threats by deputies, struck back in defiance. The incident was brief. Ozie was provoked to a point where his temper blazed, but quickly subsided when the other boys pulled him back.

It was after this incident was all over that Sheriff Sandlin stopped the car, calmly got out in the road, and blazed away at the helpless Negro boy.

The united front Scottsboro Defense Committee in New York City has demanded Federal investigation of the incident and that the boys be placed in Federal custody for protection.

Sandlin declares he will seek an indictment charging Powell, Wright and Norris, the three boys who were in the car, with attempt to murder.

Help distribute 500,000 edition of Dimitroff's pamphlet, "Working Class Unity—Bulwark Against Fascism." Price 5 cents.

TEACHERS BOUND BY FASCIST LAW

MUST SIGN BI-MONTHLY STATEMENT "DID NOT TEACH COMMUNISM"

Of doubtful constitutionality is Comptroller General McCall's ruling that all teachers in Washington, D. C. must, before they receive salary checks, sign bi-monthly statements that they have not "taught Communism." The strict interpretation advocated, prohibits mention of the Soviet Union in history and geography classes. Indirectly affected by this ruling are not only all U. S. teachers, but all civil service employees, as teachers in the District are under civil service.

Twenty-two states have gag rule laws governing teachers. G. A. Perry of the National Republic, a "patriotic" organization which spends about \$100,000 a year to encourage fascism, is the nucleus of a national network which boasts that it has had 2000 teachers dismissed for liberalism. Perry travels extensively to contact organizations of fascist or anti-Semitic sympathies and the managing editors of Hearst papers, with whom he plans red scares in local schools, and exposes teachers suspected of liberal views.

but I feel that anyone who is to be criticized should be here."

The council voted 10 to 4 to hear Lane's testimony.

In the Post-Record yesterday, Lane was referred to as a "handsome head-cracker!"

The Western Worker can be obtained at news stands. If your news dealer does not have it, ask him to stock it.

L.A. Red Squad Head Silenced By Councilmen

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 31.—

Lieut. Luke M. Lane, head of the Red Squad, took a shelling from the City Council here yesterday, when his attempts to label Pat Calahan, county organizer of the Public Works and Unemployed Union, as a Communist, were "rudely" silenced by the councilmen.

Introduction by Councilmen Darwin Tate and Franklin Buyer of a resolution delegating all power to issue parade permits to the police commission, was the incident that got the reactionary city fathers all in a "lather" and led to the rebuking of Lane.

In as much as the PWU last week asked for a parade permit to protest against cuts in the already starvation-level relief budgets, Lane took it upon himself to label Calahan.

Stepping to the council microphone, Lane said: "Mr. Calahan recently was district organizer for the Communist Party in Phoenix."

Epic Councilman Parley Parker Christensen interrupted: "I have no brief for this man Calahan."